U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejection grounded on a 'lack of utility' basis unless a 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection is proper." See M.P.E.P. § 2107 (IV). Therefore, because the claimed invention complies with the utility requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 101, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, based on the alleged lack of utility of the claimed invention, should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

## Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request the remarks of the present response be entered and made of record in the present application. In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe they have fully addressed the Examiner's concerns and that this application is now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is urged. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below if any further action by Applicant would expedite the allowance of this application.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due in connection with the filing of this paper. However, should a fee be due, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, such an extension is requested and the appropriate fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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